INDIANA COMMISSION *for*
HIGHER EDUCATION

SUPPORTING NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS

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PURPOSE

- Help adult students and veterans navigate to and through college

- Make it easier for adult students to balance school with work and family

- Reduce the time and money required to graduate by recognizing work and military experience for credit

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WHY IT MATTERS

- To meet future workforce needs, Indiana must graduate 200,000 adults not currently in the pipeline

- Graduation rates are 2.5 times higher for students who get credit for prior learning

- Sara – need some help on a stat about veteran's challenges

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INDIANA'S RESPONSE

- State law requires colleges to award credit earned through popular prior learning exams

- A new financial aid program has been created for adult students

- The Commission is part of a multi-state effort to identify ways to better serve our veteran population

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KEY QUESTIONS

- What about the traditional college structure makes it difficult for adults to enroll?

- How can a program be designed specifically to meet the needs of adult students?

- What can be done to address the unique challenges of veterans in college?

- What are all the different ways that students can get credit for their work and military experience?

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PROVIDING QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCES THAT MEET THE HIGHER EDUCATION NEEDS OF NON-TRADITIONAL ADULT LEARNERS

THE HISTORY OF ADULT LEARNING AT IWU:

- MALCOM KNOWLES FOUNDATION

- EARLY EFFORTS IN 1985

- EVOLUTION OF ADULT HIGHER EDUCATION

- EXPANDING COMPETITION

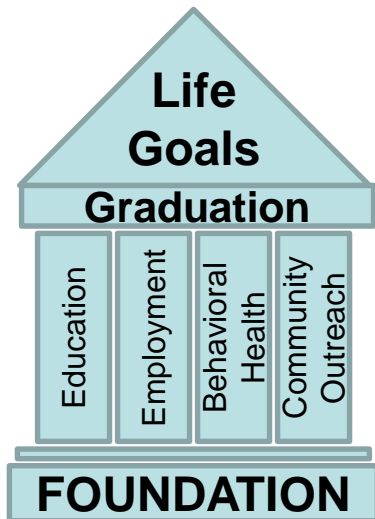- CURRENT STATUS

- NEW INITIATIVES

INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Harry Hall, Ed. D.,
College of Adult and Professional Studies

The Veteran Military and Family Resource Center:

- Serves campus and community veterans

- Serves as a leader in veteran relations

- Brings the community to campus

- Gives other students opportunities to learn about veterans through on-campus programs

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THANK YOU!

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